WELL, I WANTED TO HANDLE THIS QUIETLY. GOOD JOB. YOU MUST BE A GOOD ACTOR, DAROSS.
YOU...

BROTHER,
I DIDN'T WANT YOU
TO GET HURT, SO...

OR IS THAT BOY
MORE STUPID THAN
SHEEP, LET ALONE
A SHEPHERD, HUH?

I CAME HERE FOR THE SAKE OF LENIUS, A SPARTAN WARRIOR OF HIS WORD AND HONOR.

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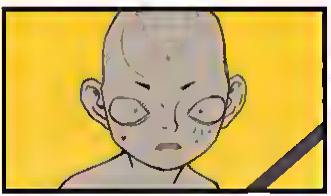
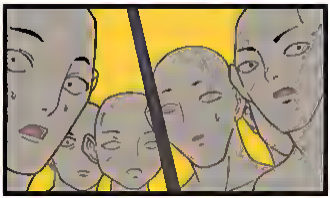
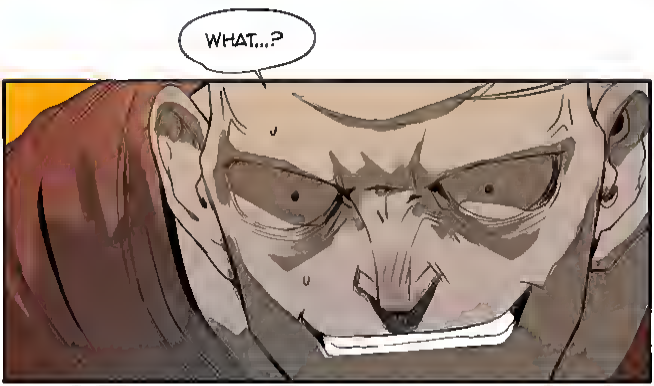


YOU'RE WRONG.
TAP




WHAT...?

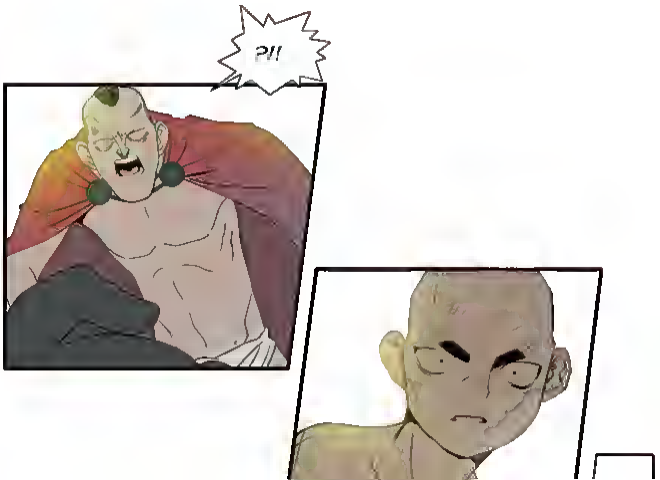
HEROES WHO CAN GIVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR WORD AND HONOR...
ISN'T THAT A REAL SPARTAN WARRIOR?
STUMP
STUMP

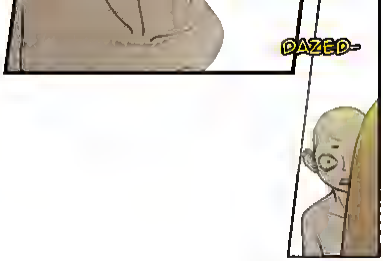
BUT YOU HAVE NO HONOR AT ALL. WHAT ARE YOU?
STUMP
STUMP

YOU REALLY WANT TO DIE, HUH?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

I ASK YOU
IN THE NAME OF
THE SPARTAN KING,
EURYCRATIDES.

WHO ARE YOU?!

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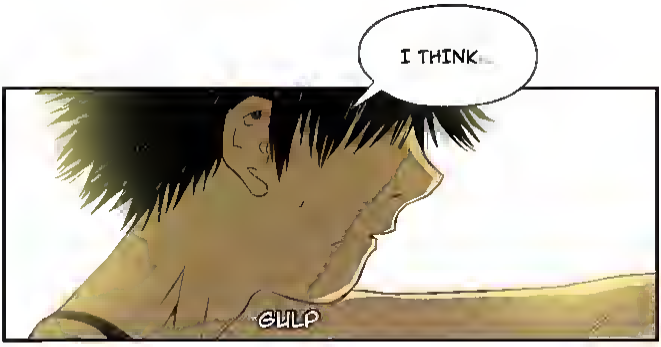
I THINK...
GULP

STORY/ YANGSOO KIM
DRAWING/DOGADO

I CAN MAKE A FUSS ABOUT THIS.

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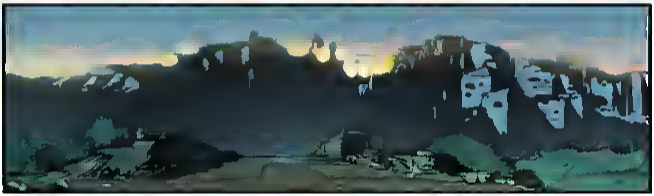
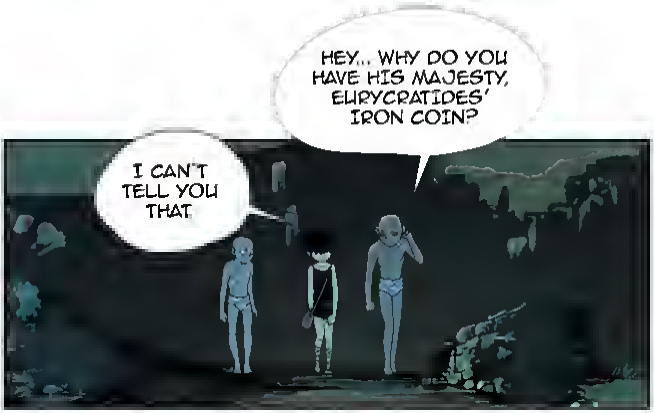
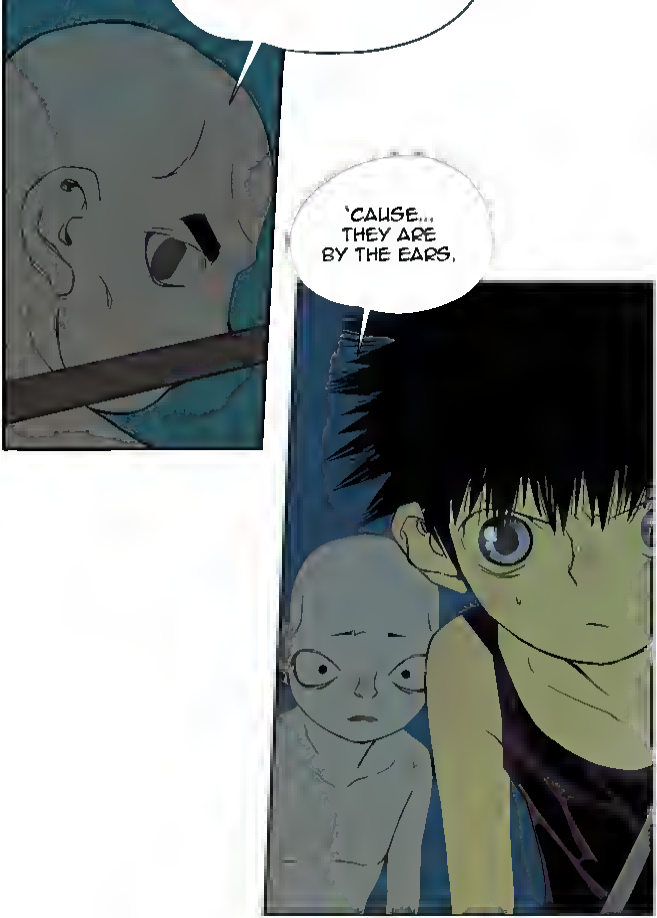


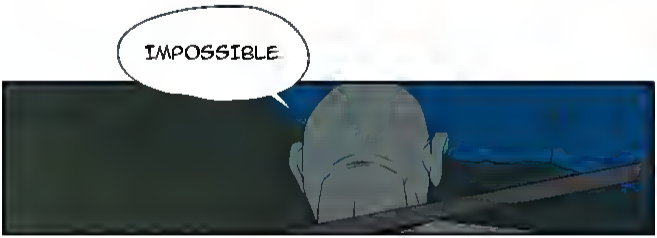

HEY... WHY DO YOU HAVE HIS MAJESTY, EURYCRATIDES' IRON COIN?
I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT.

...WELL, FINE. IT DOESN'T MATTER.

THE THING IS
YOU'RE NOT SPARTAN
BUT YOU HAVE
HIS MAJESTY'S COIN
IN OTHER WORDS,
ANAXIDAMOS,
THE OTHER KING OF SPARTA,
WILL BE EAGER TO GET YOU
AND FIND OUT WHO YOU ARE
WITH ALL KINDS OF TORTURE.


'CAUSE...
THEY ARE
BY THE EARS.

THEN. I MUST CROSS THE BORDER BEFORE THEY START TO CHASE ME.


IMPOSSIBLE

ALL GATES ARE ALREADY CLOSED SO, THERE'S NO WAY TO ESCAPE SPARTA TILL MORNING.
THEN... WHAT SHALL I DO?

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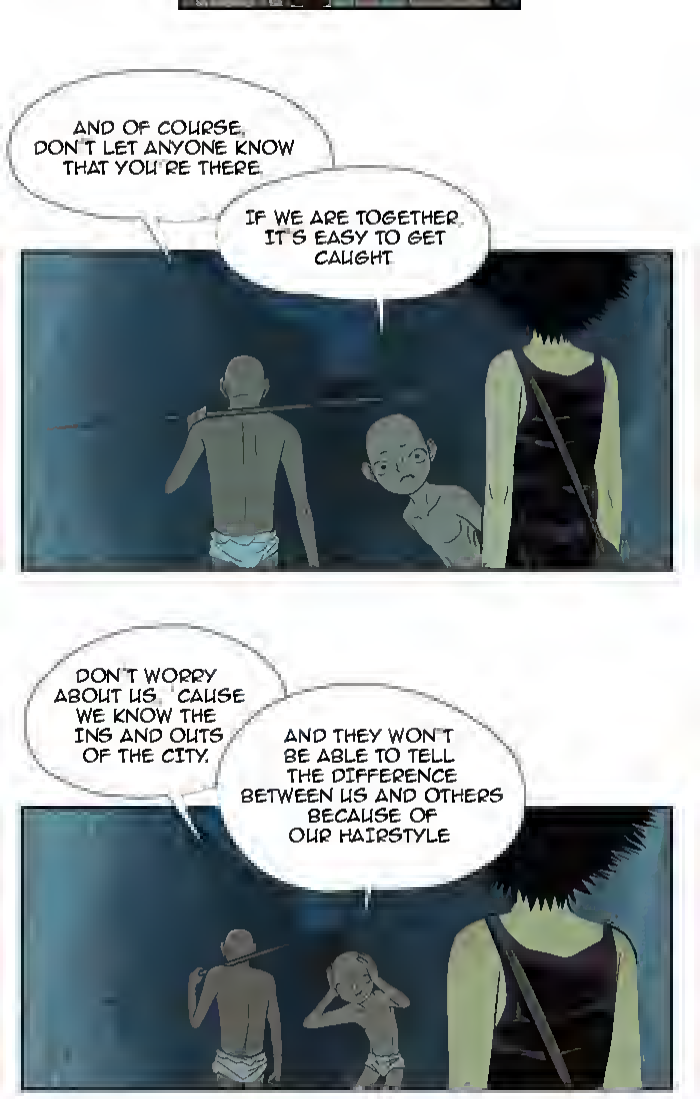
STOP FOR A SEC.

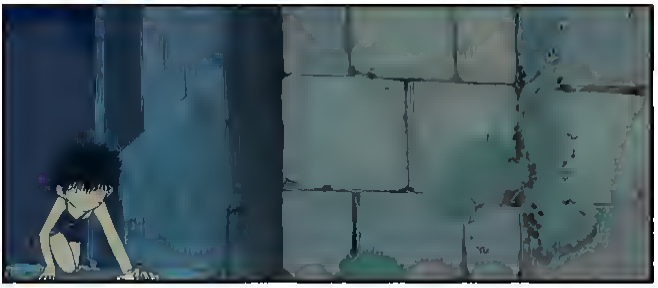
GET INTO THAT HOUSE AND HIDE. YOU'LL BE SAFE THERE SINCE THE PURSUERS WON'T GO IN THERE.
WHAT IS THAT PLACE...?

THE PLACE WHERE SPARTAN WARRIORS CAN NEVER, NO. DO NEVER GET IN

DON'T COME OUT UNTIL WE COME HERE IN THE MORNING.


AND OF COURSE, DON'T LET ANYONE KNOW THAT YOU'RE THERE.
IF WE ARE TOGETHER, IT'S EASY TO GET CAUGHT.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US, 'CAUSE WE KNOW THE INS AND OUTS OF THE CITY.
AND THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND OTHERS BECAUSE OF OUR HAIRSTYLE

WHAT IF YOU DON'T COME IN THE MORNING...?
IF WE DON'T COME BACK UNTIL THE MORNING BELL RINGS, IT MEANS... WE COULDN'T MAKE IT TO HELP YOU ANY MORE.



OUR SPARTAN SOLDIERS MUST BE HAVING TERRIBLE FOOD AS USUAL. IT MAKES ME GUILTY ABOUT HAVING THE FEAST.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SIR? WE EARNED IT BY PARTICIPATING IN STATE AFFAIRS EVERYDAY. DON'T YOU THINK?
HAHAHA

ANYWAY, I KNEW THAT STUBBORN ANAXIDAMOS WON'T BE HERE, BUT..

I INVITED EURYCRATIDES IN A SUBTLE WAY, BUT HE TURNED A DEAF EAR FOR IT.

'CAUSE THIS PLACE MUST NOT EXIST IN SPARTA, WHICH IS A LAW-GOVERNED COUNTRY.

WELL...
28 SPARTAN SENATORS, ESPECIALLY, 5 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE THINK DIFFERENTLY, THOUGH

BY THE WAY, EDITH IS NOT HERE WHERE IS SHE?

SHE DOESN'T FEEL GOOD TODAY...

EDITH...?

YOU MEAN MORAYLE'S DAUGHTER, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN SPARTA?
WHY IS SHE HERE...?
HAHA..I THINK YOU'VE BEEN SO BUSY TAKING CARE OF STATE AFFAIRS.

MORAYLE IS DEAD
THAT'S WHY
EDITH ENDED UP
STAYING HERE
HAHAHA
KYAH!

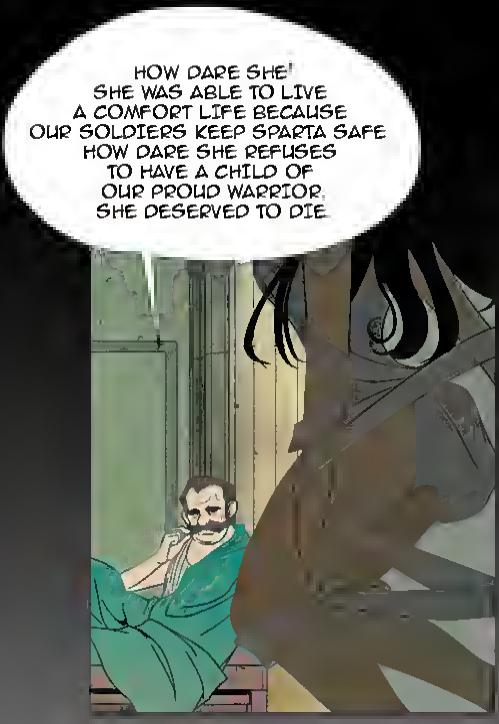
SINCE MORAYLE LOST
HER HUSBAND IN A WAR
SHE'S BEEN LOOKING
AFTER HER KIDS
ON HER OWN
WHAT HAPPENED TO HER...?

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HER?
WELL, THAT'S...

SO, PHANACOAX KILLED HER RIGHT AWAY.

IS THAT WHY EDITH IS CONFINING HERSELF IN HER ROOM?

A SPARTAN WARRIOR, PHANACOAX ASKED MORAYLE TO SLEEP WITH HIM.
BUT SHE REFUSED AND HURT HIM.
WHAT?

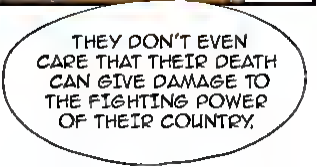

HOW DARE SHE!
SHE WAS ABLE TO LIVE
A COMFORT LIFE BECAUSE
OUR SOLDIERS KEEP SPARTA SAFE
HOW DARE SHE REFUSES
TO HAVE A CHILD OF
OUR PROUD WARRIOR.
SHE DESERVED TO DIE.

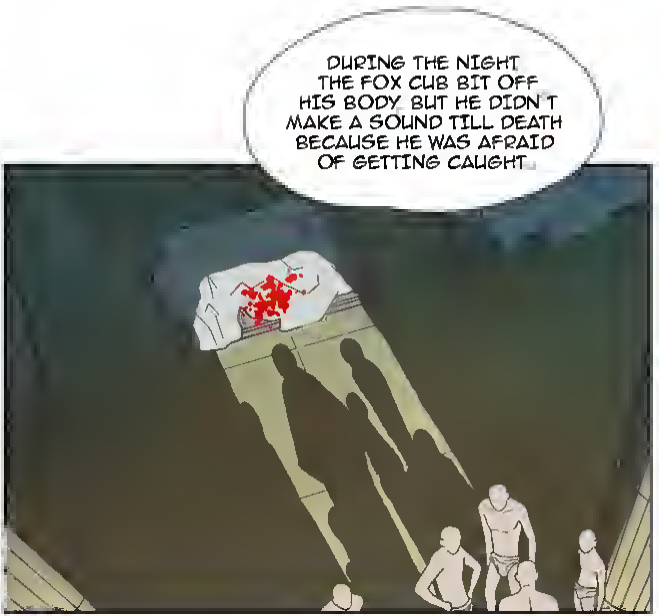
I DON'T THINK SO.
EVEN A FEW DAYS AGO
SHE SPICED UP THE FEAST
RECITING POEMS...

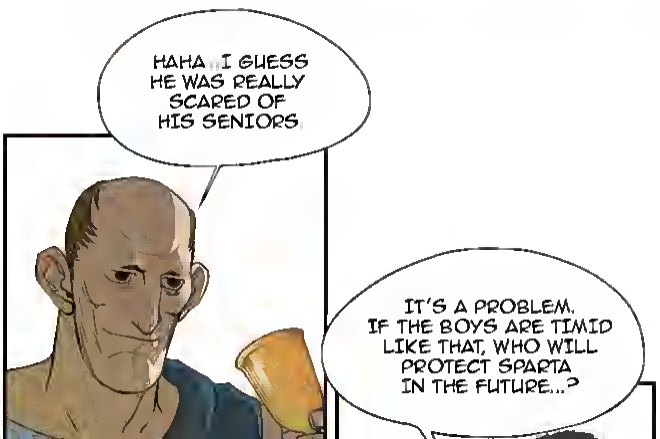
SHE HEARD THAT HER LITTLE BROTHER DIED AT AGOGE (MILITARY SCHOOL) A FEW DAYS AGO.

HE CAUGHT A FOX CUB BECAUSE OF HUNGER PANGS. BUT WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO KILL IT, SENIOR TRAINEES CAME INTO THE ROOM. SO, HE HID IT IN HIS BED AND PRETENDED TO SLEEP.

KIDS THESE DAYS ARE SO SELFISH.


THEY DON'T EVEN CARE THAT THEIR DEATH CAN GIVE DAMAGE TO THE FIGHTING POWER OF THEIR COUNTRY.


DURING THE NIGHT THE FOX CUB BIT OFF HIS BODY, BUT HE DIDN'T MAKE A SOUND TILL DEATH BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID OF GETTING CAUGHT...


HAHA...I GUESS HE WAS REALLY SCARED OF HIS SENIORS.
IT'S A PROBLEM. IF THE BOYS ARE TIMID LIKE THAT, WHO WILL PROTECT SPARTA IN THE FUTURE...?

HAHAHA,
SIR, LET'S NOT WORRY
ABOUT THE COUNTRY
AT LEAST HERE.

YOU KNOW,
I CAN'T EVEN SLEEP
WHEN I THINK ABOUT
MY COUNTRY.
HAHAHA

HAHAHA
SSSH
HAHAHA

CRACK